



# May

## City of Seat Pleasant Newsletter

**Councilmember Kizzie Scott presents**

### Mother's Day Event: Colors of Love

**FREE**



**Date:** Friday, May 6th  
**Time:** 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**Where:**  
Seat Pleasant Council Chambers  
6301 Addison Road, Seat Pleasant

Please join Councilmember Scott and paint a gift for someone special. Supplies will be provided while they last.

**\*MASK REQUIRED\* SPACE IS LIMITED\***

You must RSVP with Councilmember Scott directly by e-mail at [kscott@seatpleasantmd.gov](mailto:kscott@seatpleasantmd.gov) or by phone, (240) 614-3437.



THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT PRESENTS:

## WARD I

TUESDAY, MAY 3

6:00 PM

MEET AT: Shining Star Freewill Baptist Church  
parking lot - 5737 Martin Luther King Jr. Hwy



## COMMUNITY WALK & TALK

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS, COMMUNITY LEADERS, MEMBERS OF THE SEAT PLEASANT POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND CPAC FOR A CASUAL WALK THROUGH WARD I.

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OTHER RESIDENTS, DISCUSS ISSUES, AND IDENTIFY SOLUTIONS TO LOCAL CONCERNS.



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"MY SEAT PLEASANT"  
APP TODAY!



COUNCILWOMAN  
MONICA HIGGS  
WARD I

[WWW.SEATPLEASANTMD.GOV](http://WWW.SEATPLEASANTMD.GOV)



## Why is Bank of America closing down branches?



**BANK OF AMERICA**

The bank is permanently and temporarily closing down branches around the U.S., largely due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and staff shortages. Staff shortages have caused problems in all industries. Companies have been trying to find ways to entice people to apply for open positions, while still trying to secure and afford the staff they already have.

Millions of people have quit their jobs this year, whether it be because of having an excess amount of extra funds from previous unemployment benefits, tax credits, PPP loans, or trading stocks and crypto.

Bank of America expects some branches to re-open after the holiday season, but there are many branches that will close down permanently. Many states have multiple branches that are temporarily and permanently closing this year or in 2022. For some U.S. cities, it's the only BoA in that city, which leaves local customers without a local branch to go to. Other banks like Wells Fargo and Chase Bank are going through similar struggles and have been closing some of their branches.

Various banks are taking away some of their products and services to help control their budgets. Wells Fargo received backlash in July when it announced that it would stop offering lines of credit and close down current customers' lines of credit.

Closing down current customers' lines of credit would have had a negative impact on their credit scores. So, it wasn't a surprise that Wells Fargo swiftly reversed the decision and kept lines of credit open for current and future customers.

**City Council Monthly Meeting & Legislation Action  
Office of the City Clerk**

April 2022

**Legislation:**

- The City Council did not propose or approve any Legislation for the month of March.

**Meeting Minutes:**

The City Council approved the March 2022 Meeting Minutes on Monday, April 11, 2022:

- **Special Session Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, March 1, 2022  
Approved 5-0-0**
- **Closed Session Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, March 1, 2022  
Approved 5-0-0**
- **Regular Work Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, March 7, 2022 Approved 5-0-0**
- **Public Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, March 14, 2022  
Approved 5-0-0**
- **Special Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, March 28, 2022  
Approved 5-0-0**
- **Closed Session Meeting Minutes for Monday, March 28, 2022  
Approved 5-0-0**

The Council meetings for May will be as follows:

Regular Work Session, Monday, May 2, 2022, at 6:00p.m. via Zoom Webinar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_cKtSRawQS260gVS323HVZw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cKtSRawQS260gVS323HVZw)

Charter Amendment Public Hearing, Monday, May 9, 2022, at 6:00pm

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_1gYSic7NRtGE18oG9i4Ehw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1gYSic7NRtGE18oG9i4Ehw)

Public Session, Monday, May 9, 2022, at 7:00p.m. via Zoom Webinar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_hl4fIU7LTPq0MGI8tuK-zQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hl4fIU7LTPq0MGI8tuK-zQ)

All meetings are open to the public with comments being taken in the Public Session. During the COVID-19 the City Council meetings will be held via Zoom with citizens being provided access to join the meeting from the city's website. All citizens are required to register for the Zoom meetings.

Copies of legislation and approved meeting minutes can be found on the City's website [www.seatpleasantmd.gov](http://www.seatpleasantmd.gov) or by contacting the City Clerk Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC directly on 301-336-2600.

**CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT  
BOARDS AND COMMISSION**

The City of Seat Pleasant City Council is seeking energetic residents that have a desire to serve their community on the following Boards and Commission. The interested parties shall contact the City Clerk and **complete the application by Tuesday, May 31, 2022**

**Ethics Commission and Personnel Appeals Board**

The City of Seat Pleasant Ethics Commission and Personnel Appeals Board consists of five members each who will be appointed by the Seat Pleasant City Council.



## SEAT PLEASANT VOTER REGISTRATION UPDATE

The Board of Supervisors of Election would like to update the Voter Registration List for the City of Seat Pleasant. The Board is requesting that **ALL** residents of the city assist them in this process by taking the following steps:

1. If you have a family member that is **DECEASED**, please send a letter to the Board of Election informing them of this information. You will need to identify yourself in the letter. The letter should state the name of the person that is deceased that maybe listed as an active voter.
2. If you reside in a property and you continue to receive mail for the previous resident, please return the mail to the post office. Addressed as the "**WRONG ADDRESS**"
3. If a person has relocated permanently, please encourage them to update their Voter Registration.
4. If you noticed **NEW** residents, please send them to City Hall to complete a Voter Registration Card to change their Voter information.

Please mail your letter to:

**Prince George's County Board of Election  
1100 Mercantile Ln  
Suite 115A  
Largo, MD 20774**

**If you would like to verify if your family members are still listed on the City's Voter Registration list, please feel free to contact the City Clerk for verification purposes.**



## WHAT WE DO

Experienced adults from all walks of life are returning to the workforce. Many employers value experienced workers' knowledge, maturity, and work ethic, but finding a job is not easy, particularly for adults over age 50. Our services will assist as you gain a greater understanding of the current labor market. We will help you package and promote the valuable skills and experiences you can offer, and we will be a ready reserve of resources available to the seasoned job seeker.

If you are an experienced adult desiring to return to work, this service provides a framework for you to increase your odds of finding employment.

### Services Provided:

- Customized career tracks for different stages of aging
- Basic computer/technology & social media classes
- Job fairs & recruitment events specific to experienced workers
- Specialized 50+ job readiness workshops
- Job Club
- Financial benefit counseling (pre-retirement)
- So much more!



If you are interested in enrolling in the Encore Experienced Workers Program or would like more information, call us at (301) 618-8445 or email [WSD@co.pg.md.us](mailto:WSD@co.pg.md.us)

**[www.Employpg.org/Encore/](http://www.Employpg.org/Encore/)**

The Encore Experienced Workers Program will provide eligible Prince George's County residents with the services and training they need to gain employment.

### General Eligibility Requirements:

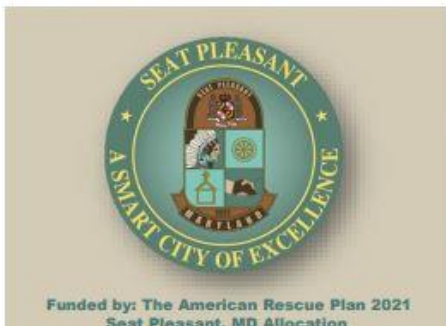
- Proof of Residency in Prince George's County
- Proof of Family Income (Income Guidelines May Apply)
- Proof of Eligibility to Work in the U.S.
- Proof of Registration for Selective Services (males born on or after January 6, 1960)







May is a time to raise awareness of those living with mental or behavioral health issues and to help reduce the stigma so many experience. Hospitals and health systems play an important role in providing behavioral health care and helping patients find resources available in their community.



**Vice Mayor Shireka McCarthy, LGSW  
The City of Seat Pleasant and  
The Training Source, Inc.**

*Presents*

## **The New Normal: Communication, Careers, and Coping Skills**

**Participate in 3 group sessions:**

**When: Saturday: May 28<sup>th</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup>, and June 11<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM**

**Where: The Training Source, Inc.  
59 Yost Pl., Seat Pleasant MD 20743**

**Registration: [SP-ARP@seatpleasantmd.gov](mailto:SP-ARP@seatpleasantmd.gov)  
Call: City Hall 301-336-2600**

**Space is limited \* Masks Required**

*We want to hear from you, please join us so we can help each other*



## **SEAT PLEASANT RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS**

**Has your quality of life been affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic?  
Through the Seat Pleasant - American Rescue Plan Act 2021 allocation,  
assistance is being offered by the city on a case-by-case basis.**



**MORTGAGES \* RENT \* UTILITIES \* FOOD \* MEDICAL BILLS \* TRANSPORTATION \* MINOR REPAIR/ACCESSIBILITY \* MORE...**

**Applications Available:**

- Email Request: [SP-ARP@seatpleasantmd.gov](mailto:SP-ARP@seatpleasantmd.gov)
- City Website: [www.seatpleasantmd.gov](http://www.seatpleasantmd.gov)
- In person pick-up by **APPOINTMENT ONLY**

**More information – Seat Pleasant City Hall - 301-336-2600**

As you probably know, mortgage rates are low and home equity has been growing in the current housing market. It's a great time to sell! If you're looking to drive up your home's value even further, keep in mind that it's all about specificity: a specific home in a specific neighborhood in a specific market. If you want to increase the value of your home with renovations, for example, remember that consumer preferences are dependent on individual markets. What's in demand in one area won't necessarily be valued in another.

There is plenty to consider when you're ready to sell. Let me use my expertise and knowledge of your local market to construct the best plan for you!

*Who better to help you with your real estate needs than yours truly,  
Denise Akers, your neighborhood "Real Estate Go to Girl".  
I live here, work here, and serve here.*

*Denise Akers*



**COLDWELL BANKER  
REALTY**



REALTOR®

**Denise Akers**  
Coldwell Banker Realty  
1300 Main Chapel Way  
Gambrills, MD 21054  
Cell: (301) 742-4188  
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hasslefree.realtor@gmail.com



**LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT IN PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY?** Employ Prince George's  
provides job seekers with resources and assistance  
with finding the best job that fits their skills.

### Contact Employ Prince George's Headquarters

1801 McCormick Drive, Suite 400, Largo, MD 20774  
(301) 618-8400  
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday -Friday

### Contact American Job Center-Largo

1801 McCormick Drive, Suite 120, Largo, MD 20774  
(301) 618-8425  
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday  
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Friday

**Please  
Clean Up  
After  
Your Pet**



### **Don't Pollute! Scoop the Poop!**

It is estimated that a single gram  
of dog waste can contain 23  
million fecal coliform bacteria,  
which are known to cause  
cramps, diarrhea, intestinal  
illness, dehydration, and kidney  
disorders in humans.



Please join Councilmember Higgs  
for the Ward I Virtual Meeting

**Wednesday, May 4, 2022**

**6:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

To join the zoom meeting enter the Meeting ID  
and Passcode below:

**Meeting ID: 830 2835 3278**

**Passcode: 730211**

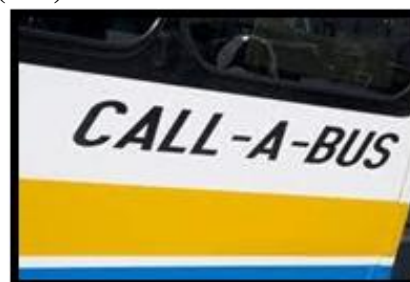
**Dial in:**

**+13017158592**



### Seat Pleasant Call-A-Bus Service

If you or someone you know is a senior citizen Seat Pleasant  
resident and/or has a handicap, we can make sure that you  
have a ride to get to where you need to go! You can schedule a  
ride to get to your doctor's appointments, grocery store, bank  
or local pharmacy, etc.. You must make your appointment at  
least 5 days in advance. The Call-A-Bus is a door-to-door  
transportation service that runs from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm,  
Monday – Friday. For more information or to schedule a ride,  
call City Hall, (301) 336-2600.





Join Councilmember Scott  
for the  
**50K RUN &  
WALK  
APRIL CHALLENGE**

The challenge will begin April 1-April 30, 2022  
What are Challenges in the Nike Run Club app?

Challenges are a fun, competitive, and creative way to push yourself,  
take on your friends, or run with the entire community in the NRC app  
When you complete a challenge, you'll earn a new trophy under  
your achievements.

If you would like to participate, download the Nike  
Run Club app and contact Councilmember Scott  
directly by email at [kscott@seatpleasantmd.gov](mailto:kscott@seatpleasantmd.gov)  
or by phone at 240-614-3437



Councilmember Higgs and  
The City of Seat Pleasant presents:

**The Beautiful Front Yard Competition**

The lawn that best exemplifies the qualities of  
uniqueness, beauty, appeal, and consistent  
with the guidelines will be presented the best  
yard award.

The competition will begin April 1, 2022-October 1,  
2022

**BEST YARD  
AWARD**

Please see guidelines for more detailed info. If you have any  
additional questions, please contact Councilmember Higgs directly  
at 240-614-3415 or by email at [mhiggs@seatpleasantmd.gov](mailto:mhiggs@seatpleasantmd.gov)



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additional questions, please contact Councilmember Love directly  
at 240-672-2498 or by email at [hlove@seatpleasantmd.gov](mailto:hlove@seatpleasantmd.gov)



# Fitness in the Parks

## Spring into Fitness

Spring into fitness with these FREE fitness classes! As the weather gets warmer, get back into your fitness routine with these classes that will improve your cardiovascular stamina and build your muscular strength.

Tuesdays, March 15, 22 & 29, 6-7 pm

### Family Fitness

This high energy fitness class will get the whole family moving! Learn new exercises and different ways to stay active. Level: All. Ages 6 & up; FREE

Glenn Dale Community Center (located near pool entrance)  
11901 Glenn Dale Blvd., Glenn Dale 20769

Activity Code: 17626-279 A, B, & C

Wednesdays, March 16, 23 & 30, 6-7 pm

### Boot Camp

Join us for a workout that strengthens your muscles and improves your heart health! Class includes a combination of bodyweight, strength, and cardio exercises to provide a challenging and rewarding workout experience. Please bring a mat or towel to class. Level: Intermediate. Ages 13 & up; FREE

Watkins Regional Park (located near Tennis Bubble)  
301 Watkins Park Dr., Upper Marlboro 20774

Activity Code: 17673-279 A, B, & C

Thursdays, March 17, 24 & 31, 6-7 pm

### Wellness Walk

Walking is great for your physical and mental health. Learn how to establish a walking routine and connect with others who have similar fitness goals. Participants can walk at their own pace on a route determined by the instructor. Level: All. Ages 13 & up; FREE

Cosca Regional Park  
(located near Clearwater Nature Center)  
11000 Thrift Rd., Clinton 20735

Activity Code: 17679-279 A, B, & C

To register, visit [pgparksdirect.com](https://pgparksdirect.com) > Browse > Activity Search. Online registration is encouraged; onsite registration is available while space remains.

For more information about wellness programs, please visit [wellness.pg parks.com](https://wellness.pg parks.com) or contact [wellness@pgparks.com](mailto:wellness@pgparks.com).



# Fitness in the Parks

More classes coming soon! Visit [wellness.pg parks.com](https://wellness.pg parks.com) or scan the QR code to learn more.



**SPRING 2022**  
**FREE**







The City of Seat Pleasant  
*A Smart City of Excellence*

6301 Addison Road,  
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Phone: (301) 336-2600

Open weekdays 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
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3. Council President Monica Higgs – Ward I  
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4. Councilmember Hope Love – Ward II  
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5. Councilmember Kizzie Scott – Ward III  
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6. Councilmember Gerald Raynor – Ward IV  
**Phone:** (240) 672-2294 **Email:** [GRaynor@seatpleasantmd.gov](mailto:GRaynor@seatpleasantmd.gov)
7. Councilmember Gloria Sistrunk – Ward V  
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